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In re Application of: ) Confirmation No.: 8295  
Gary K. Michelson )  
Serial No.: 09/921,844 ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
Filed: August 3, 2001 ) Examiner: Bruce E. Snow  
For: SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE )  
CONFIGURATION )

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Prior to the further examination and in reply to the Final Office Action of February 21, 2007, the period for reply having been extended for one (1) month by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 16 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 23 of this paper.

Amendment With RCE 5-30-07